

serve by the use of the information and transcript which you seek, your request will receive further consideration with a view to compliance therewith if a due regard to the public interests will permit."

When the general learned that the "object in mind" was to tell the facts to the public, he decided that the public ought not to know about the evidence on which this young man was convicted.

In reply to an earlier letter the department sent a copy of its charges against Private George and of the findings of the court martial against him, but no copy of his defense, or of the letter on which he based the action against him. This, of course, was a purely one-sided affair and as calculated to give no possible information as to the merits of the case.

The sentence on its face is cruelly disproportionate to the offense. Assuming for the moment that George is guilty of an infraction of military discipline in criticising anybody over his head, to sentence a man to jail at hard labor for a year with a forfeiture of pay and allowances and dishonorable discharge after he has honorably served two full enlistments and part of a third in the most technical branch of the army work—that of the signal corps—is on its face unjust. It is understood that George is a telegrapher and went into the army to carry on this kind of work.

Private George was convicted under the 62d article of war of "conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline." Under this article a man can be condemned for having red hair. It would simply be left to the court martial—always composed of commissioned officers and never of privates—to decide whether or not red hair is "prejudicial to good order and military discipline." Parts of George's letter are available and from them it appears that he must have been in a desperate frame of mind to have written direct to the

President's Secretary. He concluded his letter by saying "do not expect anything favorable to me through papers which are being returned. Was through the third degree and anticipate everything possible will be done to ruin me." Private George's expectations were evidently realized.

—o—o—o— THAT SETTLED IT!



They were talking about schools, and found they could not agree on certain matters pertaining to education. The argument waxed warmer and warmer.

"Why, my dear fellow," one finally exclaimed, starting to drive home a point, "I have a school in my mind's eye—"

"Yes, yes," interrupted the other; "but remember, that has but one pupil."

—o—o—o— Daily Healthgram.

A small child should sleep in a bed of its own in a well ventilated room. Colds, sore throats and "snuffles" are more often caused by foul, warm air than by cold, fresh air.

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Made for exhibition purposes, the largest shoe ever built is 7½ feet high, and contains ninety square feet of upper leather and eighty pounds of sole leather.